

## REMARKS

Claims 12-22 are pending in the present application. Claim 16 was amended in this response. No new matter has been introduced. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The drawings were objected to for not containing the reference "Prior Art" in FIG. 1. In light of the enclosed amended drawing, Applicants respectfully submit that the objection has been overcome. Accordingly, withdrawal of the object is earnestly requested.

Claims 17, 18, 21 and 22 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In light of the above amendments, Applicants submit that the rejection is traversed. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested,

Claims 12-16, 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Duault et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,108,336). For the following reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of the present application are patentable over the documents of record and respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn.

Specifically, Applicants cannot find in *Duault* the step of transmitting data of the same channel-specific information segment in a respective one of the at least one first subpacket as recited in claim 12. The method of claim 12, in part, recites a transmission of time-slot-oriented data in subpackets of data packets in a packet-oriented communications network. A time-slot-oriented data format is also formed from a periodic sequence of channel-specific information segments. A data packet includes a user data area, which gets subdivided into at least one first subpacket and into a second subpacket. According to the claim, data of the same channel-specific information segment get transmitted in a respective one of the least one first subpacket.

As an example, the time-slot oriented data of claim 12 may be comprised of ISDN user data and control channels (B1, B2, and D) for each timeslot. A first subpacket may include all B1-channels of the different timeslots, another first subpacket may include all B2-channels, and a third first subpacket may comprise all D-channels. The second subpacket can be used for

padding for example, so that a data packet comprised of these subpackets will be of a size that is required for the packet-oriented communications network.

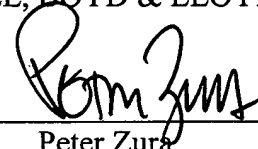
In contrast, *Duault* discloses a method for transferring traffic in a streaming mode using functions of the ATM Adaption Layer 5 Common Part Convergence Sublayer CPCS (col. 6, lines 6-11). This ATM Adaption Layer takes frames of data, breaks them up into cells and adds necessary header information (col. 3, lines 22-26). Also, *Duault* discloses that an ISDN network and a PBX can be connected to an ATM network (see FIG. 13 and related text) and that a time-slot-oriented data is based on a 64-kbit/channel traffic (col. 5, lines 25-29). However, there is no disclosure or teaching in *Duault* illustrating that data of a same channel-specific information segment get transmitted in a respective subpacket. The passages referenced by the examiner (col. 3, lines 14-26) only contains a definition of the ATM Adaption Layer, together with the process of breaking frames into cells. There is nothing in the document that would teach or suggest one skilled in the art to transmit data by using the aforementioned features recited in claim 12.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 12 of the present application, as well as claims 13-22 which respectfully depend therefrom, are both novel and non-obvious over the art of record. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If any additional fees are due in connection with this application as a whole, the Examiner is authorized to deduct such fees from deposit account no. 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the attorney docket no. (0112740-212) on the account statement.

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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to FIG. 1, to include the designation "Prior Art." This sheet replaces the original sheet containing the illustration disclosed in FIG. 1.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet